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For Christ and the Church...

# THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

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Dean Jacoby, minister of First Christian Church, Crown Point, Indiana, leads Endeavorers of the Great Lakes Region in song at conference banquet October 15 at Hotel Gary, Gary, Indiana. William R. Bonnema of Chicago is the regional vice-president.

Photo by Warren Lund

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## MEMO

### from the General Secretary . . .

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY . . .

Just now is the right time to begin laying plans for a gigantic birthday celebration marking the anniversary—the 80th anniversary—of the founding of Christian Endeavor. Christian Endeavor International has issued a helpful Christian Endeavor Week Packet which is jammed full of ideas and suggestions, all of them practical and proven, for celebrating the week. Christian Endeavor Week 1961 is from January 29 through February 5. The theme: "Into All the World Together." Send inquiries and orders to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

In 1961, in connection with the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Christian Endeavor's birthday, there will be a special Pilgrimage to Portland, with activities centered in historic Williston Congregational Church, where Christian Endeavor was first organized in 1881 by Francis and Harriet Clark. An Anniversary Rally will be held in the church on Thursday evening, February 2, the actual anniversary of the founding. An Anniversary Fellowship Banquet will take place in the church on Saturday evening, February 4. International Society officers are working out plans with the Reverend W. Lloyd Williams, pastor of Williston Church.

Mark the dates. Plan to be a part of the 80th anniversary celebration.

#### YOUR WILL . . .

You alone can make your Will! Making your Will is not a legal requirement imposed on you by law. Rather, it is a privilege afforded you. For the Christian it is a duty to be performed carefully and prayerfully. Your Will gives direction to those who must carry out your desires after your death. A Christian Will reflects your concern for the spread of Christ's Gospel. Remembering Christian Endeavor International in your will provides assurance that the ministry of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will continue in the years ahead. For information consult your lawyer and write to the General Secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

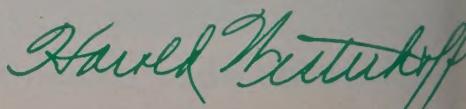
#### ONCE AGAIN, IT'S CHRISTMAS . . .

Yes, once again, it's Christmas. And may each of you have a happy and blessed Christmas, the birthday of our Saviour.

We commend to you the CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST program now being carried out from Washington, D.C. We are told that by early August liquor trade journals were announcing an unprecedented advertising campaign, designed to "take advantage" of the Christmas season and sell more alcoholic beverages than ever.

What can you as an individual, and your Christian Endeavor society, do to meet this multi-million dollar advertising pressure—and to preserve CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST? You can work yourself and encourage others in your society, in your church, in your school, at your place of employment, to work for a renewed emphasis on CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST.

Special CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST seals are available at modest cost for use on packages, cards, letters and special mailings. You can join the growing nationwide movement to "Keep CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST."



# Let's sponsor a Christian citizenship activity!"

In real enthusiasm many Christian Endeavor societies are deciding to sponsor Christian citizenship activity and it as part of the current Citizenship Awards Program.

Albert H. Diebold Awards in cash, trips, plaques, and certificates to be awarded to the winning entries. Total monetary value of the awards is approximately \$1,500, but there are many other results for groups carrying such a project!

The 1960 Citizenship Contest many societies reported on similar activities. Here are some excerpts from their reports showing vividly why such citizen-efforts mean much to the youth who participate and are also a Christian witness in the community.

## Church Library

Christian Endeavor Society, Calvary United Brethren in Christ Church, Covington, Ohio

"We did not have a library, we felt the project would be helpful to adults, young people, and children . . . believe by having these books available to everyone, and stressing the importance of reading good, clean literature, many will gain and gain a broader knowledge of Christian living. We also hope to become leaders and citizens in our church, community, and our country."

Visit to a Rescue Mission  
Christian Endeavor Society, Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois

The members of our Christian Endeavor Society have received such a blessing in coming to the mission that we would like to share our spiritual experience with others. As you see how people on Skid Row begin to realize that there are two different ways of life. The young people

of our society decided it was a challenge and duty as Christian citizens to help these men find their way back into society and to stress the value of life with a purpose and a goal . . . We Christian Endeavorers feel the seeds which were sown that night shall be reaped in the final harvest."

## Window Display on "Keep the Church at the Center"

Senior Society, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio

"We chose this project because we thought . . . many in our community need to be awakened to the need to keep the Church in the center of their lives and activities . . . By working together on this display our society has been drawn closer together. There have been many favorable comments and much discussion by the people who have seen it. Let us all try to keep Christ, the Head of the Church, in the center of our lives, so that His Church may truly be at the center of our community."

## Greeting and Visitation

Methodist Youth Fellowship, Sycamore Chapel Methodist Church, Wyanotte, Oklahoma

"The society recognized the vital need of a planned visitation program to people who could not attend church and as a means of contacting new residents . . . The results of this project have been overflowing. As we talked to them about Jesus, many of us became stronger Christians. They told us that they too received untold blessings and are enjoying a closer walk with God . . . The glorious beam on their faces has been the best 'thank you' anyone could ever receive."

## Combat Communism!

Senior Society, Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas

"It all started when a girl in our society gave a talk on Communism. A man named John Nobel had talked at her school, and she related his message to us. We were all

so shocked at the existing conditions in Communistic countries that we *had* to do something . . . We decided we would tell our congregation as a start . . . We told them about Communism; what it is, how it works, why it is wrong, and what we could do about it. Then we told them that *it could happen to them* . . . We feel now that every member of our church knows what Communism really is and how he can help to combat it."

## A Christmas Pageant

Young People's Society, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

"The . . . society . . . decided that they would like to do something in the way of service for the church . . . We felt that through this pageant we could best present the meaning of Christmas . . . Many favorable comments were received from the members of the congregation and we were asked to present another pageant in the future. The society considered the pageant a real achievement and received much personal feeling that they had done something for our group and Christ's Church."

## Church Beautification

Christian Endeavor Society, Gleneden Community Church, Gleneden, Oregon

"We began a project last fall to beautify the church and the surrounding grounds . . . We believe the most important result of helping to make this small chapel a thing of beauty is in the sharing of an ideal . . . It has been a great blessing to everyone, for the results will live on after many of us leave for college or go away to work. We will look forward to revisiting the tiny chapel where so many of us gave our hearts to the Lord for further service wherever He will have use for us in the future."

What will your society do to emphasize Christian citizenship in *your* community?

## ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 6, 1961)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND ENTRY UNTIL PROJECT IS COMPLETED! SUBMIT MATERIALS DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITY WITH THE ENTRY FORM.

# What Gary Meant to Me

A Report of the Great Lakes Regional Conference  
by Wilma Jansma of Ebenezer Reformed Church,  
Morrison, Illinois

I had a very wonderful time in Gary, Indiana, October 15-16. I made many new friends and I also received a rich blessing from the meetings we attended.

It is a wonderful feeling to be meeting with people from five different states and know they are all there for one purpose—because they love God and want to improve their leadership abilities so people may learn more about God.

I learned many things while I was in Gary. I would like to share some of these things with you.

## How to Help My Church

One of the ways to help is to let young people feel they are needed. When they go to Christian Endeavor they learn how to participate.

Each society should have a Church Activity committee, which includes:

1. Active members who are always present.
2. A chairman—should have leadership capability, be a loyal member, and be one who understands the needs of the church.
3. An assistant chairman—to keep members posted on progress being made.
4. Those who are interested in helping the minister—calling, sending mailings, setting up rooms for church meetings, filing and typing, and janitor service.

Young people can give special music, usher, take part in prayer, hand out prayer booklets at the door, etc. This gives them a sense of responsibility. They can even do house calling to try to get new members to come to Christian Endeavor. This makes a good impression on the young person who is called on and also is good for the youth who are doing it.

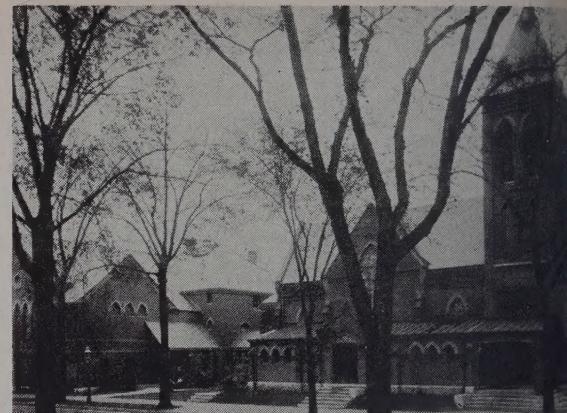
Another thing I learned was how to conduct a Christian Endeavor devotional meeting:

1. Pray, first of all, that the aim be accomplished.
2. Read Scripture.
3. Study topic and comprehend the aim.
4. Look up various resources.
5. Plan program.
6. Check with counselor or sponsor.
7. Contact those who are to take part; explain assignment.
8. Pray again after plans are made.
9. Be enthusiastic.
10. Be sure hymn books are out.
11. Relax and smile, but don't entertain.
12. Speak so as to be heard.
13. Make all members a part of the meeting.
14. Do not drive, but lead toward the aim.
15. Close the meeting on time.

These are some of the things I learned in Gary. I hope to see many more young people at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago at the Conrad Hilton Hotel July 5-8, 1961. I know all will have a wonderful time.



Rev. Izumi Watanabe, 28-year-old field secretary of the Japan Union, entertains delegates at the Pacific Area Conference, during fellowship around the dinner table.



Williston Congregational Church

## Pilgrimage to Portland

On the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement, Endeavorers will return to its birthplace—Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine.

To mark 80 years of service by this world-wide Protestant youth movement, an anniversary rally is scheduled on Thursday evening, February 2. Speaker for this event will be Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society.

On Saturday evening, February 4, Christian Endeavorers will gather at the historic church for an anniversary fellowship banquet. Cost will be \$2. Reservations must be made to Mrs. W. Lloyd Williams, 12 Richards Street, South Portland, Maine, before January 28. Checks should be made payable to Williston Church.

The speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union.

Members of the Finance and Executive Committees of the International Society will meet in Williston Church February 3 and 4.

Many suggestions for the 80th anniversary celebration included in the 1961 Christian Endeavor Week Packet may be secured from the International Society for 50c. The theme of the Week is "Into All the World Together."

## Izumi Watanabe Reports on Mexico

The young field secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor gives this report of his experiences at the third Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Mexico City August 17-20.

Under God's grace, faith in one Christ and one motto of Christian Endeavor, able to have good friendship in Mexico Conference. I came from Japan alone and my overseas trip to Mexico was my first experience, so I was afraid very much whether I could take the responsibility to represent Japan Christian Endeavor beyond my handicap language. But I knew it was only needless afraid in reality. Faith and spirit of Christian Endeavor overcame this handicap.

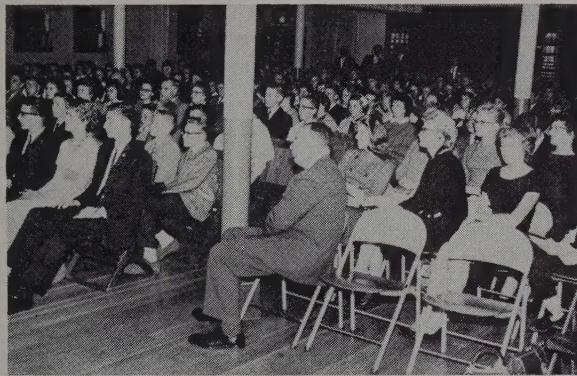
I had great impression of the unity of faith, in one communion, singing hymns, to God, one service, group discussion, and many other meeting programs. On August 20, the day after the closing day of this Conference, I preached at the evening service of the Mexican National Presbyterian "Prince of Peace" Church about the newly-developed mission in Japan, and on August 22 I participated in the party of Mexican Christian Endeavorers.

In this Conference I was able to recognize that I participate in a world-wide Christian Endeavorers.

# *focusing on Endeavorers . . .*



Rev. John Benes, minister of church, and Don Benes play duet during October 16 at Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois.



More than 325 Endeavorers from 12 area churches attended the Lansing rally, arranged by the host society. Jack Zeilenga, president, led the meeting; Bud Bosch was song leader. The International Society staff and Blanche Jansen, Chicago Union president, also participated.



International Society staff members at Lansing rally are Delno W. Brown (speaking) and (seated, left to right) Phyllis I. Rike, Cecil A. Jeffery, and Harold E. Westerhoff.



Groups like this were a part of the program during the Great Lakes Regional Conference October 15-16 at Hotel Gary, Gary, Indiana. Dr. Clyde Meadows and the International Society staff participated. William R. Denekas is regional vice-president.



"Are we winning?" is the question as Endeavorers take part in a relay during the "Circle 'Round" packet party at Gary. These party suggestions, emphasizing the 80th anniversary celebration, are part of the 1961 Christian Endeavor Week Packet.



Comments at a "Circle 'Round" party at the Southern Regional Conference were served by Roanoke Union Endeavorers, headed by Iris Cooper (far president).



Leaders at Montreat included (from right, counter-clockwise) Harold E. Westerhoff, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Nancy James, Joe Neil Fredrick, Mozelle Dick, Delno W. Brown, Mrs. Adean Z. Young, and Rev. Raymond Denekas.



Southern Region Endeavorers enjoy good singing at the conference October 7-9 at Assembly Inn, Montreat, North Carolina. Mozelle Dick is regional vice-president.

# MEET THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

The regional vice-presidents of the International Society are in charge of the ten regions into which Christian Endeavor work in the United States, Canada, and Mexico is divided. Shown here are the ten regional vice-presidents elected by the Board of Trustees July 8, 1959, during the Philadelphia Convention, for a two-year term of office.



MARY M. CAMPBELL—*Canadian Region*  
Secretary, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Hamilton, Ontario. Teen-age boys' teacher and member of Christian Education Committee, Central Presbyterian Church. President, Canadian Union. Past president and now advisor, Ontario Union. Secretary, Hamilton Fellowship. Honorary secretary, Royal Canadian Humane Association. Honor graduate, Park Business College, Hamilton. Born in Scotland.

DAVID MACIAS SALAS—*Mexican Region*  
Primary and high school teacher, Mexico City. Graduate, Teachers' National School. Studying now to be a lawyer. Past president, presbytery and Mexican National unions. Sunday school teacher, Coyoacan Presbyterian Church. Son of Dr. David Macias, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Mexico. Active in planning for Pacific Area Conference of World's Union held August 17-20 in Mexico City. Married; four children.



WILLIAM R. BONNEMA—*Great Lakes*  
Purchasing expeditor, Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation, LaGrange, Illinois. Member, First Reformed Church of Englewood, Chicago. Past president, Chicago and Illinois Unions. Associate chairman, Chicago Convention Committee. Studied pipe organ, Central and American Conservatories of Music, Chicago. Married. Regional conference held October 15-16 at Gary. Next year's conference scheduled October 7-8.

MARY MOFFITT—*Southwestern Region*  
Secretary, Waterman Steamship Corporation, Dallas, Texas. Advisor, Junior High society, Pleasant Grove Christian Church. Graduate, Draughon's Business College, Dallas. Studied at Dallas College, night division of Southern Methodist University. Past president, Dallas and Texas Unions. Employed as office secretary, Texas Union, for four years. Currently chairman of Field Work Committee and Northeast Regional Director for Texas.



REV. WILLARD E. THOMEN—*New England Region*  
Minister, First Congregational Church, Andover, Connecticut. B.S. degree, Connecticut State College; graduate work includes studies at Kennedy School of Missions. Director, mission school in Hawaii, 1952-56. Past president, Winsted Union; now pastoral advisor, Connecticut Union. Taught history, Mitchell Junior College. Married, four children. Regional conference held at Putnam, Connecticut, May 13-14.

The duties of a regional vice-president include visiting conventions and conferences as a representative of the International Society; helping organize new unions; attending regional conferences or meetings, for leadership training in every possible way promoting the wide work of Christian Endeavor in all parts of the region.

## MOZELLE DICK—*Southern Region*

Assistant credit manager, Ellis Stone, Greensboro, North Carolina. Active at United Church of Christ as Sunday school teacher and superintendent of Senior Department. Past president, North Carolina Union. Attended state meetings in North Carolina, Alabama, and Virginia this summer. Regional conference held October 7-9 at Assembly Inn, Montreat, North Carolina. The 1961 conference will be at Montreat October 13-15.



## JAMES R. WESTERHOFF—*Middle Atlantic Region*

Owens sign and lettering business, Thornewood, New Jersey. Member, Reformed Church; has served as school superintendent and member of Committee. Past president, Passaic and New Jersey Unions. Vice-chairman, Executives' Program Council of International Society. Married; four children. Regional conference held April 29-May 1 at Atlantic City. Next conference scheduled May 1961, in New York City.



RALPH E. MAY—*Rocky Mountain Region*  
Lawyer and motel owner and operator, Denver, Colorado. B.A. degree, Willamette University; LL.B. degree, Denver University. Has been high school class teacher and scoutmaster, also elder and deacon, at East Side Christian Church. Past president and now advisor of Denver and Colorado Unions. Past President, Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. Member, International Society Executive Committee. Active in Civitan.



ALBERT E. SCHOENBECK—*Central Region*  
Lawyer with Donnell, Schoenbeck & Nell, St. Louis, Missouri. Member, Webster Presbyterian Church; taught Sunday school 17 years and was elder for many years in Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. Past president, St. Louis and Missouri B.A. and LL.B. degrees, Washington University, St. Louis; member of International Debate Team for two years. Taught speaking and coached debating. Married, three daughters.



## MRS. R. E. LERICHE—*Pacific Region*

Former school teacher. Met husband through Christian Endeavor. With her husband advises high school and college Christian Endeavor, Skyway Bible Church, Seattle, Washington. Past president, Seattle District and Washington State Unions. Married, one son. Attended Washington, Oregon, and California conventions this year. First regional conference last January in Portland. Next year's sessions set for February 17-18, also in Portland.



# With Young Adults

## WITNESS by GIVING

COMES the new year, ushered in Christmas, with its emphasis on fit and our own spirit in sharing others.

the new year's opportunities, while spirit is alive in all Christian we believe it appropriate to think individual Christian's *witness by giving*

to good causes by Christians families is influenced to some extent our responsibility to be witnesses

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progress. In this venture, one witness by giving does not stand alone. He is drawn out of his personal relationship to God to become one of the stewardship team. So will he (a) re-enforce his own giving spirit, (b) inspire those working with him, (c) inform and interest many on whom he will call seeking pledges for the year's ministry and service of the home church and for benevolences. Every canvasser multiplies his personal witnessing in a well-planned, prayerful canvass.

2. It is a means, at once friendly and efficient, to weld together the entire membership in essential work. Surely gifts would be made to a church if no canvassing occurred. But this advantage of united effort and united prayers is lost whenever pledging and giving are left to individual initiative. In addition, a church should not accept financial obligations without a clear idea of the gifts it will receive.

3. The canvass offers broad opportunities for stewardship education and for acquainting all members and friends with the church's purposes and needs. Our canvassers, or financial ambassadors, must be equipped to explain the budget, show how it was built, interpret changes in its allotments. Questions are welcomed because in answering them we more effectively inform givers about their own church.

To pledge future income is familiar in our day as it was not in some others. We subscribe for gas and electric services and for fuel oil, telephone service, magazines, book clubs. We buy much on pledge: homes and their furnishings, automobiles, clothing, vacation trips.

Let canvassers remember: (1) "The prospect is a person, not a purse"; (2) This gift is for Christ's cause; (3) This cause must not be neglected because of some immediate details related to persons or programs; (4) We are witnesses for the giving spirit, for stewardship, in behalf of Him who gave all for us.

## YOUNG ADULT TOPICS

### Understanding God (A Series of Four Topics)

#### 1. Understanding Our Belief

II Timothy 2:1-19

"I believe" is the great beginning of the spiritual life. On this affirmation we build the precious details of our Christian experience, pursuing knowledge about our belief. "I understand" is a step of victory. This topic introduces a challenging series, "Understanding God." What do you believe about Him? Begin to develop a fuller understanding of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Ask questions about the Trinity; list areas of interest and inquiry. Perhaps your pastor will serve as a resource person. Look backward today at what has not been understood; look forward that the coming topics may be pointed and purposeful. Analyze some of the creeds of the church and discuss their meaning.

#### 2. Understanding God, the Father

Genesis 1

God the Father is the first Person of the Trinity. "God is a Spirit . . ." "No man hath seen God . . ." We know Him as the eternal Spirit, invisible Power of the universe, eternal Soul, immortal Love, the ineffable Jehovah. He is the Creator of all. He is spirit, not flesh. Unable to see electricity itself, we see its effects. So, not seeing God, we see His work and effects. He creates, sustains, and brings to final judgment. Supreme, Jesus introduced Him as Father, a new concept. Personified in Christ, He represents love, redeeming grace, communing fellowship. Give verses showing these characteristics, and add others. Discuss the fatherly aspects of God.

#### 3. Understanding God, the Son

Matthew 16:13-27

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, second Person of the Trinity. Review His life. Realizing He reflects the nature of God, discuss His divine characteristics. God the Son is God incarnate. He came from Heaven, lived on earth, taught and served men as perfect Man, and died on the cross for human redemption as perfect God. He rose again, sits at the right hand of God the Father, promising to return. So brief, yet so complete is His biography! Isaiah 9:6,7 sets forth some of His names and His purpose. Isaiah 53 is His portrait. John 3:16 gives His reason for coming to earth. John 10:10 includes His mission. John 11:25,26 gives His eternal promise. Matthew 28:19,20 is His Commission and His assurance of help. Let each add favorite passages about Him.

#### 4. Understanding God, the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-27

God the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. Referred to throughout both Testaments, He has a definite function of guidance for the Christian. He is "the one called alongside to help." To fulfill divine purpose, Christ returned to His Father in heaven. He sent the Holy Comforter to take His place, to lead His followers into all truth, and to be forever with all believers in Him. Study John 16:8 and 16:13. He is to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." He strives to lead the unbeliever to Christ and the believer away from sin; He directs in ways of righteousness; He warns of the judgment to come. What are the implications of Galatians 5:16,17; Galatians 5:22-25; I Corinthians 2:9,10?

#### Into All the World Together

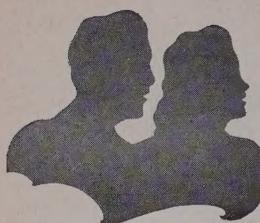
Matthew 28:10-20

The last Sunday in January through the first Sunday in February is Christian Endeavor Week. "Into All the World Together" is the theme of the 80th anniversary observance. On Denominational Day a particular denomination or the matter of missions may be emphasized. Plan special events for the week. Relate the universality of Christianity and Christian Endeavor, the growth of world missions and of Christian Endeavor, the integrated purpose of denominations and Christian Endeavor. Study all these relationships through, and then develop at least one more fully. Consider the missionary program of your denomination. Get materials and counsel from your pastor. Think of the world mission of our movement. Stress also the "togetherness" of God and each obedient believer. What is our mission as His servants?

By BERT H. DAVIS

# On Your Mark! Get Set! Go!

Philippians 3:7-15



## Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUA

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess\*

### Advertising

The poster should show a young man crouched in the starting position at a track meet. State the title of the meeting and the words "Bring your Bible and a willing heart." Add time and place. Some may be able to get such a poster on the bulletin board at school as well as on your church bulletin board.

At the Sunday school session have one of the young men crouch in starting position in track clothes, and at the signal streak out of the room with a snappy announcement following his exit.

### Suggested Program Outline

#### Pre-Prayer Service

##### Sing Time:

*In the Service of the King  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
Give of Your Best to the Master*

##### Leader's Introduction

Prayer Time Led by Three Youth

Discussion of Topic by Seven Youth

Preparation for Commitment

Candlelight Consecration Service

Period of Prayer

Christian Endeavor Benediction

#### Leader's Introduction

Point out that as 1961 begins, it may be thought of as a year of endeavoring for Christ. It should be a race in which each Christian strives to achieve goals and to grow spiritually in the service of Christ. You might point out that certain great track stars have devoted themselves wholly to winning a race, and then emphasize that Christians must devote their all to the race of the Christian life.

Here is an outline on which you might base some remarks in listing characteristics which the Christian runner must have:

R—redeemed. We are now on Christ's team (I Peter 1:18,19 and Titus 2:14).

A— abstaining. We must refrain from the rules of the worldly life in order to keep the rules of the Christian life (I Thessalonians 5:22 and II Timothy 2:4,5).

C—committed. God has committed to us the Word of reconciliation, and we have committed ourselves to the work of reconciling the world to Christ (Psalm 37:5 and II Corinthians 5:19).

E—nduring. We have entered a race in which we will endure to the end (II Timothy 2:3 and James 1:12).

#### Discussion of Topic

The leader should introduce these brief talks as being based on the Daily Readings in connection with the topic. He should also point out that such readings in connection with each topic are listed in each issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. See page 18.

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### AIMS

1. To challenge Christian youth to the highest motives in the Christian life.
2. To lead them to make definite commitments to Christ for 1961.

The following suggestions should be distributed to the seven members who will read the Scriptures and then make short talks based upon them:

1. Striving for the Prize (I Corinthians 9:24-27). Run to win. Be temperate in order to achieve mastery over temptations. Bring honor to Christ, for whom the race is being run.
2. Hindrances to the Runner (Galatians 5:4-12). Be more than just a conformist. The message to be delivered by the Christian is righteousness by faith in Christ. Run boldly no matter what the competition may be.
3. Running Together (Philippians 2:12-16). Work at the task, and God will always help. Let your light shine out in the world. Pass the baton of God's Word along to the next runner.
4. Starting Too Late (Luke 13:23-30). Get into the race. Don't be kept off the team. Many will finish the race and receive the prize.

5. Preparing for the Contest (Hebrews 12:1-3). Examples of winners are encouraging to those still running. Lay aside all weights or sins (name some of them). Keep eyes on the ultimate goal of eternal life in Heaven.

6. Keep on the Right Track (James 1:12-16). Endure temptation. Resist wrong ideals and thoughts. Hold out for the crown of life anticipated by Paul in II Timothy 4:6-8.

7. Call to Action (Philippians 3:7-15). Be willing to deny self. Plan big, "that I may know him. . ." Strain toward the promised prize.

#### Preparation for Commitment

Following the above brief presentations of not more than two minutes each (less would be preferable) distribute prepared sheets with the following items for consideration by each young person alone. As the sheets are given out, ask all to bow prayerfully while a soloist sings *I Surrender All*. Then allow a few minutes of silence while each young person makes commitment or renewal.

#### Commitments

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that . . ."

*I will spend at least 15 minutes a day in Bible study, meditation, and prayer*

*I will set aside a tenth of my income for the Lord's work*

*I will win at least one soul to Christ during 1961*

*I will carry a portion of God's Word with me at all times for personal study and for use in witnessing to others*

*I will abstain from tobacco*

*I will abstain from alcoholic beverages in any form*

*I will lay aside \_\_\_\_\_, which is a hindrance to my testimony for my Saviour*

*I will arrange my school courses so I can be of utmost service in the work of the Church*

*I will not allow studies or friends to interfere with my loyalty to Christ and His Church*

*I will commit my dates and dating to the glory of Jesus Christ*

*I will honor my mother and father*

*I will commit myself to all that Christ is seeking to accomplish in me through me.*

#### Candlelight Consecration Service

Have at the front of the room the emblem of a fish, the emblem of the early Christians which endured much persecution for the cause of the Gospel. Let it be lighted by a large candle. Small candles should be available for each youth to light at the moment of his dedication. A rack form of a cross should be prepared to receive the individual candles. An opportunity for each young person to speak of his dedication, commitment, or Scripture verse for the service should be given. Covenant sheets should be retained for personal reminder in the Bible or placed in a box to be returned to the group in June just before summer vacation. Provide self-addressed envelopes if the plan is followed so that each can send an envelope and know it will be private.

#### Period of Prayer

With the candles still burning have the friendship circle and ask several to say a sentence prayer.

Have the group listen quietly while another solo voice sings about the C. E. Endeavor Pledge to the tune of *Bread of Life*, as printed below.

#### Christian Endeavor Pledge

Trusting in Christ for strength, dear today,

We gladly consecrate our lives to Thee.

We'll read Thy blessed Word and daily

That in communion true we'll faithfully

We will support Thy work and worship

Of Thy beloved church and service

We here will take our part in mission called

And all activities of our C. E.

We will seek youth to bring, dear Lord

Thee,

Give as we can to spread Thy Gospel

Promote Christian principles from sea,

Provide true fellowship, O Lord, in

These things we'll surely do, dear Lord for Thee,

Unless prevented by some reason true

Which we can tell to Thee with confidence free,

And we'll be guided, Lord, in all by

# Every Day with Jesus

No. 1 in a Series: "Making Christ Known"

Philippians 3:7-14



High (12-14 Years)

ments by Rev. Clive Cooper\*

## tising the Meeting

your new Christian Endeavor year push in advertising. Look back over our's roll book. Check for members we dropped out of the work. Send invititions to each of them. Work ans for the year and send to each tive member. They will show more if they see you have a challenging n. Use the church bulletin to point a lights which are scheduled soon.

## Aim

encourage all youth to have daily fellowship with Christ. Through personal commitment to Him and a new resolve they can make Him known to others.

## ested Program Outline

ayer Service  
e: Are Ye Able, Said the Master  
are Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

**Jesus Calls Us**  
ncements and Offering  
r's Challenge  
Discussion  
g Hymn: Living for Jesus  
tunity for Dedication  
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## sor's Challenge

the appointed time on the program should issue a personal challenge to member. You will want to work closely with the topic leader. At the close of your age, he will then give opportunities for dedication and resolution. The challenge present may be an over-all view of topic, or you may have some better which will work with your local group.

## Introduction

finished last year's work with a series Acquainted With Christ." Now take the next step in our growing relationship with Him. This week's topic is first of a series of four based on this thought. Each of the topics is named for a man or chorus which may be used during the program. All our efforts should be directed toward establishing daily fellowship with the Master.

## Fellowship

many times it is not easy to think about as we should. The things of this life are of this joy. Problems, school work, life, and other things occupy our mind and energy. This should not be! Christ will come first in our lives.

We are to have daily fellowship with Christ. We must follow His teachings. In the Christian Endeavor Pledge we state that we will read our Bible and pray daily. It is a good way to stay close to Christ. If we do these two things, many of our problems will disappear. We can find comfort from the nearness of Christ through

Cooper, a General Baptist leader, is now in Kansas City, Missouri.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do we begin a close fellowship with Christ?
2. How may we go on to greater service for Christ and the Church?
3. How important are personal commitments and resolutions?
4. How does making Him known to others increase the strength of the individual? How does it increase the strength of the Church?

the Word. We can find fellowship with Him through the Spirit and prayer.

## Personal Commitment

No one can decide for us in the matter of Christianity. Each person must live his own life. Each must make his own commitment. With the Bible and consecrated teachers as our guides, we know God's will. We understand His way. If we fail to make a commitment to Him, we can offer no excuse.

Jesus died for our sins. He suffered on the cross that we might have a better life. Only we can make a response. All other things have been done. Now the decision is ours. If we believe the story of Christianity, surely we will be willing to make a personal commitment to Him. Surely we will be ready to give a life of service for Christ and the Church.

## New Resolutions

A New Year is a time of making resolutions. Often they are made with little thought of the importance of keeping them. Many people make resolutions just because others are doing it. They resolve without full knowledge of the responsibility which goes with the resolution. Let it be different this year!

Christianity is serious. Service to Christ and the Church is of the utmost importance. At least part of our resolutions should be directed toward Christian service. When we resolve to follow Him more closely, when we make a personal commitment to Him, we are bound by that pledge. This is a resolution which should be held conscientiously throughout the entire coming year and even in years to come.

## In the Past

All the mistakes and troubles of last year are in the past. They should be forgotten, or they should be used as stepping stones to better things in the future. All that has been accomplished for good will not suffice for the future. We must go on to better things. Last year's good will not please Christ for this year. Paul stresses this idea in our Scripture reading for today. He forgot the past in order to look to the future.

## Pressing Forward

There is no limit to which man can go for God when he completely dedicates himself to His service. Paul said that this is a high calling. It has not changed even in our modern day. The service of God is the greatest work to which we can commit

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ourselves. With His help we can press toward maturity in Christ. Our lives can be filled with righteousness and service.

Our new resolutions should be directed toward doing the will of God. With determination we should press toward dedicated service for Christ and the Church. Only in this way can we fulfill our mission and meet the standards for which Christian Endeavor was founded.

## What Is Ahead?

Junior high students have a bright future. With Christ as our example, we can reach toward things which are yet unknown in the world. We live in an age of atomic power and space travel. How will we reconcile Christianity to this fast moving world? We must accept the will of God and fulfill His commission. We must be trained to use our technical knowledge for doing His work. We must see the vision of Christianity spreading to all parts of the world. In order to accomplish this goal, Christian youth everywhere must speak out for Christ and His Church.

## Making Him Known to Others

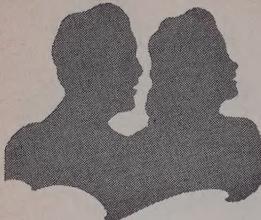
After we have a knowledge of Christ, we are obligated to share this knowledge with others. We have a duty to perform. This duty has many facets. It has many different approaches. Each person must decide for himself what his part will be. Of course, this must be done with a knowledge of God's will as expressed through the Bible. It must be done with the leadership of His Spirit. Without His example and His leadership we can hope to accomplish little. With Him as our guide, we have endless possibilities. Paul expressed this thought for us when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, church worship, and other training programs help us qualify for a job in His Kingdom. We cannot learn too much. We cannot know all the facts about witnessing to others. We learn as we go. If we wait for a great knowledge before beginning our work, it may be held off indefinitely. Let us begin now to make Him known to others with whom we come in contact.

## Opportunity for Dedication

Ask all to stand in a prayer circle with crossed hands. Give an opportunity for all to make their 1961 resolutions silently or audibly. Suggest such resolutions as regular church attendance, witnessing to others, spiritual growth, daily prayer and Bible reading, tithing, reverence in worship, etc.

Give special emphasis to the Quiet Hour. Explain the meaning of the Quiet Hour, and give an opportunity for all who have not yet done so to sign the Quiet Hour Covenant. They might come forward to sign the cards on a table in the middle of the circle.

Copies of the folder "What Is the Quiet Hour?" and also enrollment cards can be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.



# Can We Count on You?

II Timothy 4:1-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

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Comments by Dr. Bastian Kruithof\*

## Publicity

Put up posters of unfinished building projects. Pictures can be found easily in magazines. Perhaps you can get some pictures of the Olympic Games showing how contestants strain to win, not to drop out. You can write your own catch phrases over or under them. The point is to drive home the topic: *Can We Count on You?*

## Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Scripture: II Timothy 4:1-8

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Announcements

Offering

Prayer

Hymn: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Leader's Talk

Discussion of Topic

Closing Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*

Friendship Circle and Benediction

## The Setting of Paul's Words

The second letter of Paul to Timothy has rightly been called his swan song. Although there is a touch of sadness in the words, as there is in all farewells, the words are beautiful and triumphant. There is a surging joy that wells up from the heart of this man in prison who is about to die. For him dying means to be with the Lord forever.

There are those who maintain that when Paul wrote this letter he was enduring a second, more confined imprisonment in Rome. A pillar in the Mamertine Prison there is pointed out today as the very place where he was chained. Tradition also states that he was beheaded somewhere on the road to Ostia. He died in the faith.

## His Message

But Paul was not interested first in dying. He was concerned about living. Death to him was simply the entrance to a greater life. Moreover, he was interested in the living who for a time remained behind. He was very much concerned about his young disciple, his spiritual son, Timothy. And that is why he gives him this excellent advice. In other words he is telling Timothy that he depends on him to carry on the great work, that he expects Timothy to give a good account of himself, that he desires very much that Timothy will say, "You can count me in."

## Faithfulness

Paul had been called to preach the Gospel to the Jews and to the Gentiles. He is considered the greatest missionary to the Gentiles. How well he did is evident from the

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## AIMS OF THE TOPIC

1. To stress the importance of dependability in every relationship of life.
2. To challenge youth to be dependable as Christians during the New Year.

Acts of the Apostles and from his epistles. He witnessed on land and sea. He was most zealous for Christ. If you ever feel down, discouraged, take a look at Paul. He suffered a great deal from enemies, he was shipwrecked and imprisoned, but he never gave up preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He used all his God-given talents for the job. That is why we consider him great as a Christian, a missionary, a thinker, a practical man, and even a poet.

He wanted Timothy to keep up the good work. Timothy was younger and perhaps a bit discouraged. That is why Paul very seriously tells him to carry on. He charges him before God and the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the Word always, never letting up. He wants him to preach the full word, reprobating, rebuking, exhorting with all kinds of patience. And he wants him to teach the great truths of God's revelation.

There was a reason for this. Paul knew that hard times were coming. People would have itching ears and go after false teachers, preferring fables to the truth. There are people today who wander from place to place, listening to a preacher here and then another there, excited about this for a time and then going after something else.

Many people today have respect for religion, but if asked what religion really means, they can't answer. They are very vague about it. There are even those who worship religion rather than God. Will Herberg in his book *Protestant, Catholic, Jew* exposes the shallowness of much religion today in America. For many it is just a way of life, perhaps the American way of life. That, of course, is a poor facsimile of Christianity.

Paul wanted Timothy to preach the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ in all its implications. In order to be a Christian, one must believe in Jesus Christ and always follow His teachings. Paul knew what this had cost him and what it would cost Timothy. He tells him to endure afflictions and to continue in the work regardless of the cost. He must give full proof of his ministry and never give up. The Lord counted on him, and he must not fail.

It is the best advice for all Christians. The weakness of Christianity is the weakness of Christians who are not one hundred percent in the faith and in the work. They may have enthusiasm for a time, but it soon evaporates. That is not living courageously.

Too many people called Christians prefer the easy way. They want so much for themselves: ease, luxury, fun, a good living, and much more. But a good living is not necessarily a good life. We need more Christians who are dedicated, who are willing to spend

themselves and to be spent. The power of the Christian Church is the same a power manifested in the individual lives of God's people.

## The Reward

Let no one tell you that the Bible does not speak about rewards. There are who sneer at Christians because they they are looking for a handout, for the sky. The good Christian does not God to be rewarded, but he knows nevertheless that God has promised rewards.

That is the Christian concept of infinity. We shall live after we die. Paul said that he is ready to be offered up, poured out. The time of his departure come. His course is finished here. He knows that the Lord will give him the of righteousness, not because he has done it and can claim it, but because God is loving.

Paul says that he has fought a good In other words he could be counted long as he lived for Christ. He is not lying but simply stating a fact. And he his spiritual son and all of us to follow example.

For this life is definitely related the life to come. What we have here, we shall reap there. If we cannot count on here, God will not take us account in the life to come. We are in here for eternity.

Because that is true, we do wrong we are satisfied with poor work, with sh application, with indifference. We are sense God's hands and feet to do His bidding. If we fail, who else will labor? We must take this thought seriously we are young. Life is serious business. are servants and stewards who must us lives for the glory of God.

Through all the centuries there have ways been the faithful and loyal ones kept things going in the Church. If these had failed, there would be no Christians today, there would be no Christian deavor. It is because others have labored and are laboring that we are Christians owe it to ourselves and to future generations to "get on the stick."

Can you be counted on? Can I be counted on? Let us ask ourselves this question day. Counted on to do what? To serve God and my fellow man. To become more mature Christian every day in to let my light shine, and in order to be the salt of the earth.

Communism has a zeal and a purpose. The only force that can defeat it is Christianity. The only people who can withstand it are those who are on the Lord's side passively, but actively.

Are you fighting the good fight? company of faithful followers of Christ everywhere asks, "Can we count on you?"

# Shine for Jesus

No. 2 in a Series: "Making Christ Known"

Matthew 5:14-16; Colossians 3:12-17

High (12-14 Years)

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ments by Miss Mary Lou Funk\*

ut or draw pictures of young people and other situations where they witness for Christ. A suggested caption: Opportunities (in large letters) to win to Christ (in smaller letters). Also the time and place of your meeting for High Christian Endeavor.

## 's Preparation

prayer be the first step in your tion for leading this very important

unday morning announce the meeting each member to bring an object be used to make light, such as a ft, match, bulb, etc. Then in the have them on display as you introduce topic. You might say: "Are these for any purpose if they will not light forth light? No, and neither are us fulfilling their main purpose if not shine for Jesus. He said that us are light and that we are to shine showing others the way to Him."

your counselor to lead the discussion If your group is large enough, you wish to divide into two groups. This rovide more opportunities for each to participate. The girls might be group and the boys in another.

the brainstorming session, select a tee at least one week in advance of neeting. Tell them the questions so come to the meeting prepared. If society is small, you may choose to the entire group take part in this. it two secretaries to record (on a board, if possible) the ideas suggested. de into small group of five or six for zz groups. Divide by rows or by ring off. Give each group one of se study problems and tell them how time will be allowed. Appoint a man for each group or ask each group ect its own. They could also have a ry to take notes. The chairmen or ries will give the reports when the s up.

## he Counselor

your counsel and supplying of appro- literature, you can be of great help the meeting to those who have l parts.

ing the meeting you will have the tunity to lead the discussion and to the candlelight service.

## ested Program Outline

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: Jesus Saves

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ture: Matthew 5:14-16; Colossians 3:

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## AIMS

1. To become more aware of our opportunities and responsibilities to be a personal witness for Jesus.
2. To consider how to be an effective witness for Him.

## Prayer

Leader's Introduction

Discussion on Witnessing

Brainstorming Session

Buzz Groups (Case Studies)

Role Playing

Candlelight Consecration Service

## Discussion

1. What is Christian witnessing?
2. Why should junior high Christians be witnesses?
3. Why, as a general rule, do girls witness more to other girls and boys to other boys?
4. Should we just wait for opportunities to witness?
5. Where can we find opportunities to witness?
6. What can we do to make opportunities?
7. What preparation should be made for witnessing?
8. How can we make certain that our light will shine and help others to Christ?
9. In what ways do we witness besides speaking to someone about receiving Christ as Saviour?
10. Of what value is a prayer list of those we want to win to Christ?
11. What Person does the most important part of soul-winning, and what does He do?

## Brainstorming Session

What kind of persons make effective Christian witnesses? How do we best let our light shine to lead others to Christ?

Allow the next ten minutes for the brainstorming committee to give as many suggestions as they can. For example, An effective witness should be friendly to everyone, or An effective witness should live as the Bible instructs us.

All suggestions should be positive—things to do or to be. If anyone gives a negative suggestion, a small hand bell should be rung. After the ten minute period, the committee or entire group should evaluate each of the suggestions.

As a follow-up, someone could see about having mimeographed copies made for each member.

## Buzz Groups

1. Sam's neighbors and his close friends in school are all Christians. Does he still need to witness? If so, to whom? Why? If not, why not?

2. Jane has been endeavoring to witness to an unsaved girl at her school. But this girl says she's as good as most Christians she knows. What Scriptures could Jane use in witnessing to her? What else could Jane do?

3. Tom wants to receive Christ as his

Saviour. What would you say to him? What Bible verses would you cite? Would you repeat them or read them or have him read them? Would you pray?

4. Betty has just been able to lead Sue, one of her schoolmates, to Christ. What should Betty do now to help Sue become a strong Christian?

## Role Playing

Sally, an unsaved girl, has invited Jean, a Christian girl, to spend Saturday afternoon at her house while her parents are away. Select two girls to role play the scene when Jean directs their conversation to spiritual matters and talks to Sally about becoming a Christian.

If there is time, have other girls do the same. Also have the boys, by pairs, role play a similar situation.

## Candlelight Consecration Service

Have several large candles on a table at the front of the room and on the window sills of the room. At the time of this part of the meeting, have two or three persons, appointed beforehand, light the candles and turn out the electric lights. There should also be small candles on the table, a number sufficient for each member to have one. While the large candles are being lighted, have the pianist play softly *Send the Light* or *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*.

For display at the front of the room, have a large attractive poster with these words on it: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, . . . I will seek to bring others to Christ." "The first basic principle of Christian Endeavor is Confession of Christ."

After the large candles are lighted, the counselor will take charge. He might say, "When we became members of Christian Endeavor, we signed a pledge which includes these words: 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, . . . I will seek to bring others to Christ.' As members of this organization, we ought always to remember to confess the Lord Jesus Christ—to speak freely of Him to others.

"In the quietness of this service, let us each renew our pledge to win others to Christ, with His help."

After singing prayerfully *Let the Beauty of Jesus*, invite the members to indicate their renewed commitment by coming to the front, lighting one of the small candles and carrying it back to their seats. When they have done this and while the candles are still lighted, lead them in a prayer of dedication.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.



# Beyond the Call of Duty

Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 1:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

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Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven\*

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Scriptural Roll Call

Sentence Prayers

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 1:8

Announcements

Offering

Prayer

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Leader's Talk

Discussion

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

## Introduction of the Topic

In time of war there are occasions when military men go beyond the call of duty. They need not volunteer for special service, but they do so anyway. Often they are motivated by ideals of patriotism, consideration for their comrades, and love for some great cause. Their courage and altruism are rewarded upon the successful completion of their mission, and they are better men for having dared and tried.

Some of those who have most notably gone beyond the call of duty have been soldiers of Christ. We think of four of them particularly of whom biographies have been written.

*William Carey*, a British Baptist, supported himself and his family by making shoes while he preached the Gospel. By exerting himself he acquired a knowledge of Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, and numerous other subjects. In 1792 the first Baptist missionary society was started through his efforts, and a year later he and his family sailed for India. After considerable hardship he learned several Indian languages, established an indigo factory, served as professor of Oriental languages at Calcutta where British Indian civil service officers were trained, wrote many articles on the natural history and botany of India for the Asiatic Society, and, most of all, translated the Bible, in whole or in part, either alone or with others, into 26 Indian languages. The Serampur press, under his direction, made the Bible accessible to more than 300,000,000 people. Besides, he prepared grammars and dictionaries of several tongues. All of India is his debtor.

*David Livingstone*, a Scotchman, was the most famous missionary-explorer ever to serve in Africa. His life reads like a fairy tale. A devout Christian, he opened up much of Africa for the Gospel and for civilization. His great nature impelled him ever onward. He studied, won the confidence of natives, wrote books on his explorations, sustained unbelievable hardship, and encouraged others to follow him in

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is it to be an "average" Christian?
2. What is expected of every Christian?
3. Why are we so easily satisfied with what we are or what we have done?
4. If the Christian has no vision of "greater things," is his faith real?
5. How did the apostle Paul get the vision and the strength that he needed for his work? How can we?

bringing the Gospel to Africa. When he died, devoted natives carried his body to the coast, and he was buried in Westminster Abbey while all Europe mourned.

*J. Hudson Taylor*, a British Methodist who founded the China Inland Mission, is the greatest name in Chinese missionary activity. He labored literally night and day, sleeping only when absolutely necessary. He began every day with quiet prayer and Bible study and then gave himself unreservedly to his arduous tasks. His greatest achievement was his organization of missionary activity. After first sailing for China in 1853, he returned in 1866 with his family and 16 other missionaries. He died in 1905, and in 1911 his mission had 968 missionaries. He traveled widely throughout China, and his strong personality and dynamic faith were an inspiration to all his associates.

*Wilfred Grenfell* for almost half a century established hospitals, nursing stations, orphanages, schools and other enterprises in Labrador. He fought disease, liquor dealers, and superstition. He started cooperative stores and improved agriculture along the coast, writing 24 books in his "off hours."

Each of these and other servants of our Lord went beyond the call of duty; there is also opportunity for us to do so in our lives. It is tragic that so many are willing to be satisfied with just getting by. When large numbers of people feel that way, the morale of society falls low and society is in danger. In every society, every successful organization, there must be people who will do more than just what is required.

Let us consider some of the opportunities which we have of going "beyond the call of duty."

## In the Home

Each of us has many opportunities in our homes to put into practice the ideal of this topic. First, we should be cheerful. Strangely, it is often most difficult to live as Christians in the home, for there familiarity and the bonds of family cause us to lower our guard and become unkind to those closest to us. It is easy to put on a smiling face when outside, but it is as important to do so at home. Let those closest to us see the best side of our personality. It brings rich dividends.

Be helpful. Instead of doing only what is expected of us, we can imitate the heroes of the faith, missionaries and others, and make ourselves useful in the service of others. That should start in our homes.

There is always much that *can* be done if we will. Instead of running off to do the work to others, we can surprise our families and others by making ourselves useful in the home.

Be loving. This is one of the greatest needs in the modern home. Many homes in our nation, and even in the Church, are places of bitterness and strife instead of love and trust. Life itself is not the same. The place to begin improvement is always "at home." When we have improved our homes, there, we are prepared to reach out to others.

## At Work

Whether our work is done in an office, shop, a store, or a school, there are many opportunities to go beyond the call of duty. The work of Livingstone, Carey, Taylor, and Grenfell can be an inspiration to each of us. It is possible for one to seek to do his best; these men prove it. One can set an example in all things, be faithful in his work, do an honest day's work for his wage, and help lift the morale of his place of employment. If he is still in school, he can seek to do his assignments faithfully, not shirking his task but, grateful for the privilege of receiving an education, seeking to improve himself so that he may better God and his fellow men.

## In Church

One actually never goes "beyond the call of duty" in the Christian life, for he gives all of his existence to God and God's work for perfection. This means that when he has done his best, he has still only done what could rightly be expected of him (17:10).

However, there are opportunities for Christians to go beyond the call of duty in their work in the church. They can put their faith, but they can go beyond just "having faith" and put it to work. In fact, unless a person puts his faith to work, it cannot be known whether he actually has any faith. The world has enough professing Christians; what it needs to do is to practice Christianity who will so live that all men will see their good works and realize the power of God in their lives.

In His parable of the talents, Jesus said something very serious about the responsibility which is ours when we receive talents from God. It is a sin, and one which deserves punishment, for a person to squander the talents which God gives him. Each of us is called to use what he has, not to hide it away, whatever it be, but to develop it for the sake of our Lord. This means that His disciples, must not be satisfied with the ordinary. To be satisfied with doing what is average is to lose sight of the ideal to which God calls us. He would like us to look up, to realize He is the source of all strength, and then, with the strength which we receive from Him, to go "beyond the call of duty."

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# Publish Glad Tidings

No. 3 in a Series: "Making Christ Known"

Jeremiah 50:2a; Isaiah 52:7-10

or High (12-14 Years)

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh\*

## Aims

To learn how to give a personal witness for Christ.  
To sense the opportunity to under-  
take evangelistic and missions efforts through  
prayer, and giving.

To plan support of a specific mission

## Our Poster

use crayon as an over-all background  
of the world. Paste pictures of an  
active boy and girl at each side. In the  
print, "So Send I You." Then add,  
Talk Over Our Role in Today's  
Christian Endeavor at (time)."

## Our Worship

ayer Service

cation by the Leader  
*Jesus Calls Us, Send the Light, and  
it of the Living God*

## An Evening Prayer

ure: Jeremiah 50:2a; Isaiah 52:7-10  
er's Introduction  
Discussion  
Be Concerned?  
Commissions Us  
Is a Christian Witness?  
Can We Do?

## er's Introduction

ether we realize it or not, everyone  
witness to something, either to Christ  
or the forces of evil. What kind of a  
mess are we giving by our actions, even  
if we do not do as well as what we  
illy do?

us said that His apostles were to be  
esses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea,  
in Samaria, and unto the uttermost  
parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8). In other  
s, one's witness starts right where he  
t starts here in our own group and  
reaches out, like the waves of a rock  
n into a pool, until it touches the  
e world.

e witness by the way we think, by the  
we treat other people, by the way we  
d our time, by the way we use our  
ey, and by our participation in the  
erns of Christ.

## el Discussion

range for several members of your  
group to participate by answering the ques-  
tion "Who influenced me most in making  
decision for Christ?" This should help  
to realize how people are witnessing  
actively for Christ in your own church.

## y Be Concerned?

unless we feel that it makes a very vital  
difference in the lives of young people

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and Brethren youth magazine.

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## QUESTIONS

1. What has made Communism so strong?  
Has it been because of the fact that the Communists  
are selling people on the idea that the Kremlin will make life good?

2. What have we to offer for making the  
full life?

3. Do we fight Communism best by trying  
to scare the Communists or meeting the needs  
of the underprivileged people of the earth?  
What would Jesus have us do?

4. What are some of the forces that prevent  
Christ's Church from winning all nations  
to Him?

5. In what ways does the witness of the  
Church and individual Christians turn people  
from Christian discipleship?

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Have you ever thought how close the Gospel was to extinction in those days when Jesus told His disciples to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to live by His commandments? There were only eleven men and a few women, and yet they founded a world-wide Church. But what about today? The Gospel is always just one generation away from extinction. If we fail Him in our generation, then His Gospel will end right now. And He has no other plan. As we feel His hand upon our shoulder and His voice saying, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you," we should realize the tremendous responsibility He places upon us.

## What Is a Christian Witness?

Ask the group to consider this question, and then list on the blackboard the characteristics of a Christian witness. This experience should help each to realize how well he measures up to the qualifications of witnessing for Christ.

## What Can We Do?

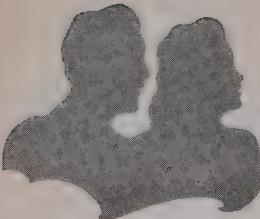
What about the youth in your own school? What are you doing to reach them? Does your group feel that to be openly a follower of Christ is a little odd or fanatic? Or do you profess Christ and then by your unchristian attitudes drive people from Him? You might do some checking on your own Christian Endeavor society. How many have received Christ as Lord and Saviour in the past year? How many have been making an increasingly better witness for Him?

Programs may vary, but here are some things that other groups have done in cooperation with other Christian youth groups. In some places there have been prayer groups held each morning before school starts. Some towns have sponsored a one-week, youth-to-youth evangelism program with special services each night. In other places groups have banded together to show Christian love in action by helping an old people's home or a run-down community or a neglected church through a week-end work camp.

Bring the discussion to a close by planning specifically what Christ would have you do as individual Christians and as a Christian Endeavor society to "publish glad tidings." Don't fail to consider possibilities of finding greater strength by working with other Christian Endeavor societies or Christian youth groups in your community.

## Conclusion

Ask the group to sit or stand in a circle and to clasp hands as they sing *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*. Then ask each to lead in a sentence prayer. The mood of this period should be dedication to personal Christian witnessing. After the prayers, close the meeting by singing *Lead Me to Some Soul Today* and repeating together the Mizpah benediction.



# Social Outcasts

Matthew 25:31-40

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

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Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder\*

### Preparation

Choose four peppy leaders and divide the society into four groups. Assign each group a case to study and discuss in the meeting. Keep the discussions as closely related to the immediate society, church, and community as possible. If case three is not a problem in your community, choose some other minority or racial group of similar status and problems.

### Suggested Program

The opening song period could include the following hymns: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, In Christ There Is No East or West, and Love Lifted me.*

Read Matthew 25:31-40.

Direct the prayer session to specific needs that may come to mind through the preparation of this topic.

After the case studies, plan some definite activity to help some social outcasts in your community.

Sing *O Jesus, I Have Promised* as a closing hymn of consecration.

### Introduction to the Topic

Social outcasts may be found everywhere and at every level of society. There are numerous reasons why one becomes a social outcast. The only thing necessary is to be "different" in some way from the rest of the group, whether it be in the community, the school, or a smaller group such as the Christian Endeavor society.

When the group is composed of professing Christians, to be a social outcast is much worse. Jesus never found anyone to whom He did not reach out in love and mercy. The lepers, the woman taken in adultery, the blind, the demoniacs were all blessed because Jesus became their friend.

We are called to be witnesses. Every Christian is a person under orders "to go" and make disciples of all peoples. The first step in effective witnessing is to make friends, and then we must cultivate friendship to the point where our new friends have confidence not only in us, but also in Christ. We must first belong to Christ and be His friend, and then like Him we must be friends of all our fellow men.

"A friend loveth at all times" (Proverbs 17:17). True friendship strengthens in time of need. There are no social outcasts where there is the genuine love and compassion of Christian hearts. This is the very soul of missionary activity. It is essential to our effective witness for Christ.

It is essential to personal happiness to belong to a group at various levels and to feel needed and wanted in that group. These levels are represented by the home, the church, the occupation or school and

the community. Anything that threatens this sense of belonging on any of these levels is a threat to the personal security and happiness of the individual.

Special care must be taken in the church to make everyone feel needed and wanted. The timid, the sensitive, and those who are "different" all need to be so drawn into the activity of the group that they will have no reason to feel themselves outcasts. Christian grace and common sense must always be manifested if this is to be done successfully.

Let us look at some possible cases of social outcasts and consider the problems involved in each. Then let us discuss such problems which our own Christian Endeavor society and church face.

### Case 1

Mary is a very quiet, retiring girl. On Saturday she came down with a virus, and the doctor recommended she spend all day Sunday in bed. She went to school on Monday, but being weak and tired did not make any effort to talk to anyone. No one asked her why she had been absent from Christian Endeavor and other church activities. Mary felt she was not missed at church and that no one cared. Her friends thought Mary was just being indifferent and that she no longer wanted to be part of the group. Rumors had Mary developing other interests, while Mary was actually feeling unhappy and lonely.

*Discussion:* Who was responsible for Mary's continued absence? What should Mary have done? What should the group have done? Did Mary have grounds for feeling unwanted? How many "Mary's" has our society lost?

### Case 2

Joe was the foster son of a fine Christian family who moved into Middletown. Joe's parents were quickly accepted and soon were active in the work of the church. But Joe remained lonely and unwanted. Joe was a Korean, a war orphan adopted by American parents. He was a good student, but years of malnutrition had left him quite small in stature. The youth were polite to Joe, but he was never fully accepted. He seemed unable to develop any close friendships among the fellows in the Christian Endeavor society in spite of Joe's own awkward efforts and the all-out effort of his foster parents.

Eventually Joe lost interest in the church and found friends who led him into trouble. His parents were heartbroken. They were soon left out by people in the church. After a time they stopped attending church. No one but the pastor ever called in the home to encourage them or help them in their time of disappointment.

*Discussions:* Who contributed to Joe's misconduct? Are coldness and indifference cruel or just merely thoughtless? Do non-Christians sometimes do a better job of demon-

strating real friendship than professing Christians?

### Case 3

Out on the edge of town is a cluster of small, poorly kept cabins. June through October these cabins overflow with Mexican migrant laborers. These people are brought annually by the canning company to work in the vegetable fields and fruit orchards of the community.

The local residents look with suspicion on these migrant workers. Some merchants refuse to do business with them. Restaurants and barber shops refuse to serve them. In the hospital refuses to admit their sick, injured except in dire emergency. Church school, and public recreation facilities are not open to them.

No one seems concerned that they have no worship opportunities. No one seems to care that their children are not in school. When one of their group gets into trouble the whole group is branded as "no good".

*Discussion:* What responsibility has the church for such groups as these? Can it be true that the community contributes to becoming undesirable residents? What had been a child of migrant laborer parents?

### Case 4

Jerry and Chuck have just returned after two years in industrial school. Neither ever been in serious trouble, but each has been a problem to his widowed mother in the public school. Both are good students and have achieved honors in the industrial school. They are neat, ambitious, well-mannered fellows, aged fifteen and sixteen. Pastor Jones has volunteered to help them become re-established in their home community.

Jane's mother declares that if Jerry and Chuck come to Christian Endeavor, she cannot. John says he will resign as teacher of the high school class if they come to Sunday school. Deacon Smith, an uncle of the boys' late father, says, "They are good."

*Discussion:* Who should be most anxious to help Jerry and Chuck become established at home in a satisfactory pattern of life? If you were Pastor Jones, what would you do? Do attitudes such as those expressed by Jane's mother, John, and Deacon Smith press Christian love? What is the responsibility of the Christian Endeavor society to these boys?

### Projects

Make a list of social outcast groups in your community.

Make a list of persons who might be considered by themselves or others as social outcasts. Discuss plans for your society to do something definite to change this situation.

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# I Will Follow Thee

No. 4 in a Series: "Making Christ Known"

Matthew 4:18-22; Acts 9:1-6

High (12-14 Years)

ments by Miss Kate Vanderberg\*

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topic suggests a poster to use in incing the meeting. It could feature with Jesus up ahead as the leader several young people following Him. ill be simple but effective.

## Tested Program Outline

ayer Service (Pray that each member our society will become a follower esus.)

*I Will Follow Thee*  
Jesus Calls Us; Lead On, O King

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re: Matthew 4:18-22; Acts 9:1-6

Introduction by the Leader

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Hymn: Where He Leads Me

Benediction

## I Follow Thee

e to follow Thee, O Lord,  
ot so very near;  
e be in Thy company,  
somewhat to the rear.

to follow close behind,  
orders I can't fill;  
raver souls be within call  
Thy sovereign will.

ou are really one of mine,  
strength is as your days;  
have I not said in my Word,  
e with you always?

ollow closely, I will lead,"  
aviour said to me;  
appy heart cried out with joy,  
I will follow Thee!"

—Kate Vanderberg

## Introduction

ior Highs know pretty well what following a leader is. At home we follow our parents' leading; at school we follow the actions of our teachers; at church we follow the leadership of our pastor and those who sponsor the youth activities of church. So being a follower is not new; however, the topic "I Will Follow Thee" has aspects that these familiar situations do not contain.

## Statement of the Topic

our Scripture passage in Matthew 22, Jesus is calling James and John His disciples. Jesus simply said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men," and they immediately left their work and followed Him. You will notice that did not call Zebedee to follow Him;

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AIMS

1. To discover what "following Jesus" involves.
2. To express the desire and the decision to follow Jesus.
3. To follow Jesus wherever He leads.

Jesus called the young men, his sons, to follow Him. Jesus had a preaching career in store for them as His followers; the call was urgent, and so they dropped their work and followed Him. Discipleship makes demands upon the Christian. Here are some of the demands:

1. You do as Jesus wants you to do, not as you feel inclined to do.
2. It may mean a different career from the one that you would otherwise choose.
3. You put Christ first in your life, even if it means sacrifice.

The second Scripture passage is Acts 9:1-6. This passage deals with the conversion of Saul. He asked Jesus, "What wilt thou have me to do?" In answering Saul's question, Jesus did not give him a complete formula for the rest of his life, but just the next step. It was, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." If we are within the will of God and want Jesus to direct our lives, He will do it. Ask Him what He wants you to do. The answer will come.

When a missionary was asked how she knew what Jesus wanted her to do, she answered, "I had a growing consciousness (awareness) that the Lord wanted me to use my life to bring others in foreign lands to Him." That means that she became more and more sure that Jesus wanted to use her in missionary service. If we too ask the Lord just what He would have us to do with our lives and wait patiently and expectantly, He will answer. And then we must be willing to heed His answer.

## Questions for Discussion

1. How can we know that we are really following Jesus?

*Answer.* Following Jesus means giving Jesus first place all the time. Sometimes we will have to make a decision regarding the claims of Christ upon our time. Our social club meets the same night that Christian Endeavor is held. If Christ really has first place in our life, it won't be hard to decide who has first claim to our time.

2. Do others necessarily have to know that we are Christians and trying to follow Jesus?

*Answer.* Our Christian faith is exhibited in our actions toward others and also in our speech. A Christian is gracious and generous in his attitude toward others; he is also careful to speak only that which will glorify Christ. Also in this connection, if we are ashamed to confess Jesus before men, He will be ashamed to confess us before His Father who is in Heaven; Jesus Himself said that. So let others know by our con-

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fection of Christ and obedience to His commandments that we are His followers.

3. Does a follower ever run ahead of his leader?

*Answer.* If a follower runs ahead of his leader, then he is no longer a follower. A Christian always follows Jesus. A Christian may become a leader in his work for Jesus and lead others, but always under the leadership of Jesus whom he follows.

4. Just what is involved in the commitment "I will follow Jesus"?

*Answer.* A simple answer is that it means that one is willing to have Jesus as his Saviour, do His will, and use His teachings as the guiding principle of life. But following Jesus actually involves a great deal more. Jesus Himself said that to follow Him one must "deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." So following Jesus also means denying oneself and bearing the cross. In denying oneself the Christian puts Christ first and himself last. In bearing his cross he is willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. We may not be called upon to suffer for Jesus as the first-century Christians who were physically harmed and sometimes put to death for their faith in Christ. Nevertheless, we have to take just as definite a stand for Jesus as they did, and if the occasion arises, be willing to suffer for His cause.

## Conclusion

The title of our topic is in the form of a declaration. This declaration is made by someone who has determined to follow a certain plan of action. "I will follow Jesus" is plainly a declaration of his intention.

1. For whom is this declaration made? It is none other than the speaker himself. The speaker uses the personal pronoun, first person singular. He is speaking for *himself*, not for his neighbor. Is this someone you?

2. The speaker has determined that he will follow Jesus. He has made up his mind about following Jesus. He is determined to overcome any obstacle which might stand in his way to keep him from carrying out his declaration. Have you prayerfully determined to follow Jesus?

3. The speaker also declares whom he intends to follow. He says nothing about following his own inclinations, but he does say that he means to follow Jesus. Indeed, he makes his declaration directly to Jesus Himself, "I will follow Thee." Will you repeat these words and make this declaration your very own? If you have not already done so, will you promise Jesus that you also will follow Him?

(Ask your minister or some other qualified leader to explain the Lifework Recruit enrollment card and tell about the qualifications and opportunities in various Christian vocations. Secure the folder "What is a Lifework Recruit?" from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.)

# Into All the World Together

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Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:12-22

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Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

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Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart\*

## To the Leader

How fortunate you are to be the leader of this meeting! You are well aware of the fact that this is the beginning of Christian Endeavor Week. This Sunday is recognized as Denominational Day. You have a grand opportunity to present to the members and friends of your society the missionary program of your church, for this is a missionary topic.

Who are your missionaries? Where do they serve? How many of these does your local church support? What is your denomination's missionary budget? How much money did your local church give toward the cause of missions in the year 1960? This would be an interesting approach to the entire topic. Consult your missionary society or committee in gathering statistics and perhaps presenting the program.

## Publicity

There are several things you could do. Secure pictures of your missionaries and place them on a poster for all to see. Get a world map and pinpoint the locations where your missionaries are serving. Place in the vestibule of your church, and underneath announce your special Christian Endeavor meeting.

If you mail out letters, mimeograph a large world, and inside the round world place your advertisement for this important meeting. Form a telephone brigade and call all members.

## Suggested Worship Service

Hymns: *O Jesus, I Have Promised; Trust and Obey; and Rise Up, O Men of God*  
Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:12-22

Prayer Time: Pray for your missionaries

Instrumental or Vocal Selection

Reading of a Missionary Letter

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Talk

Talks by Three Speakers

Life Problem

Discussion of Questions

Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Period of Meditation or Benediction

## Leader's Talk

Religion is the fundamental thing in human life. It is distinctive of man. However low in mental development, however crude in manner of life, man worships. He recognizes a being upon whom he is dependent and to whom he is in some measure accountable, if not responsible. Pascal once said, "The eternal silence of the infinite spaces terrifies me." The primitive peoples no less have felt the burden of this mysterious silence and have sought protection in the objects of their worship.

This is the beginning of Christian En-

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## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the essential requirements for being a missionary?
2. How does one know if he should become a missionary?
3. How can we be of help to those who respond to the missionary challenge?
4. How much should a church contribute to missionary work?
5. What promise did Christ give to those who respond to His call to become missionaries?
6. Should the attitude of a missionary be different from that of any other Christian? If so, how?

deavor Week. We rejoice that Christian Endeavor has recruited many young men and women to go into all the world and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many missionaries testify that they heard God's call while participating in Christian Endeavor activities. Today is Denominational Day, and we are studying the work of the missionaries that are being supported by our own churches throughout the world.

The missionary enterprise is essential to the life of the Christian Church. If the Church fails to reach out and win others to Christ, it will die. It may live in name, but not in spirit.

The Laodicean church said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing" (Revelation 3:17). This church was in a self-satisfied condition and not concerned about its real needs or the needs of others. Woe to the church that becomes filled with this spirit! It is the business of the church to take the Gospel into the world and to seek to win men and women everywhere to Jesus Christ.

The missionary message is personal. It is addressed to "whosoever will." It calls to the lost soul in every place to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and to receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

The missionary message is not only personal, but also universal. It is to be taken into all the world that all men everywhere may have the opportunity of hearing and believing, regardless of their race or nationality. We must be concerned about our responsibility of working with others in this great task. God has given us the message, and He expects us to carry it into all the world.

Our Christian Endeavor society should examine its program and see what it is doing for the work of missions. Have we made any missionary contributions in the past year? Have we in any way supported the missionary program of our own church? Have we become so concerned about program and topics that we have forgotten individuals who are desperately in need of Jesus Christ? This would be a good time for our society to undertake some project in the missionary program of our own church.

Christ's command to go applies to young as well as to old. He has a right to issue

commands, both because He is our al Lord, and also because He is the One has saved us from our sins. His dis were admonished to make disciples nations. They were not commanded to convert the world, but only to preach Gospel to it. We too must undertake great work to which He has called t

The missionary undertaking is dema enough to summon the noblest energ man. It requires devoted wisdom, unwav ing perseverance, undaunted courage sublime faith. Missions mean that we something that we cannot keep. We s never think of missions as something but something challenging and advent God calls us to share in the greatest ever assigned to mankind.

## First Speaker

This speaker should give a report of missionary activities of your local during the past year. The pastor, the man of the church's missionary comm the president of the women's miss group, or the chairman of your own m ary committee should be asked to this assignment. It should be mimeogr for distribution or written on the black at this time. Specific needs or goa 1961 should be included.

## Second Speaker

The chairman of your own missi committee or a member of the comm should report on the missionary ac of your own Christian Endeavor societ the past year. He should disc suggest missionary activities propose 1961. It would be advisable to c with the former speaker beforehand to suggest means by which the society help to meet the goals outlined in the report.

## Third Speaker

The last speaker should tell of the of any members of the local church have become missionaries or entered kinds of specialized Christian service should stress the need for lifework re today and outline the preparation re for such service. He should also e the Lifework Recruit Covenant of Ch Endeavor. If you do not have inform write to the International Society fo folder "What Is a Lifework Recruit

## Life Problem

John attends the services of the c rather faithfully, but he has no interest his missionary program. He refuses to anything to missions, and when a m ary speaks at the church, he even r to go to hear him. He thinks it is all for adults to be interested in mission he just isn't.

What is wrong with John's att What may have caused him to devel attitude? What can be done to help to overcome his lack of interest in mis

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## g the Meeting

s Denominational Day, the begin-  
Christian Endeavor Week. If you  
lowed the suggestions in the Pro-  
vide you will have sent to your own  
national headquarters for helps in  
the topic. You will glean many  
from the Christian Endeavor Week  
also.

our pastor for additional material  
missionary magazines of your own  
taken in the fields where they are  
it will help make the meeting more  
and help the Junior Highs to  
that missionaries are "real people."

## 's Introduction

is an important night in the his-  
Christian Endeavor. This is the  
ing of Christian Endeavor Week,  
we are celebrating the 80th birthday  
Christian Endeavor. Through the years  
day before *Christian Endeavor Day*  
named Denominational Day. On  
the youth of the churches study  
the world-wide program of their own  
nation. Tonight we are not only  
to learn more about what our own  
is doing around the world, but also  
the work in which we are cooperating  
other denominational groups to carry  
Christ's command to go into all of the

Christian is a missionary in the  
that he is expected, wherever he is,  
the message of the Gospel with  
outside of Christ. All of us cannot  
go to other lands as messengers  
but there are other ways in which  
carry out the Great Commission.  
task is so great that we must all work  
with Christ and with all Christians  
churches everywhere. We shall dis-  
w as Junior Highs may go into  
world.

## of Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus had finished the work which  
he to accomplish on the earth, and  
He ascended to be again with the  
He gave the commission that the  
re of redemption which He accom-  
by His death on the cross for our  
preached to all men everywhere.  
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l go. Some of us will go to our best  
some to our relatives. But we must

can go by *praying*. When the dis-  
asked Jesus to teach them how to  
and He gave them the model prayer,  
thing He mentioned after address-  
f praising God was to pray for the  
f the Kingdom, even before asking  
y bread or for help in personal prob-  
Interest in the Kingdom should be  
Webb, the wife of a retired Christian  
minister, teaches in a Christian day  
in California.

## AIMS

1. To help Junior Highs to realize that all Christians must share in the world missionary task.
2. To help discover what that task is, and
3. To provide definite follow-up activities or opportunities for study, service, prayer, and giving.

uppermost in our minds and hearts. We may have a vital part in the advancement of the work of the Kingdom through our prayers.

One returned missionary asked a group to which he was speaking, "Do you folks mention the names of your missionaries in prayer around the family table?" A young missionary wrote, "Pray for us. Prayer has solved all of our other great problems, and it will solve this one."

Right now we should pray for the continued safety of our missionaries in Africa and for those in the homeland who are eager to return to the field where the need is so great! We must pray for the native Christians that they may be given vision to carry on alone in countries where missionaries have been sent home.

We can go by *giving*. We can help support those who are able to go. There is no place where our money will yield bigger dividends. When we give to missions we are laying up treasures in Heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal.

The amount we give to missions is a measure of how much we really believe in the program. A few dollars will send a boy or girl to school for a year or provide a hospital bed in a mission hospital where body and soul may both be healed. A few cents a day will provide food for a hungry child, help train a native teacher, make it possible for the Bible to be translated into another dialect, provide medicine to combat some of the tropical diseases, etc. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

## Suggested Program Outline

Leader's Introduction

Devotional Period: Sing *Wonderful Words of Life* and then thank God for the Gospel, which brings salvation to all who accept it. Then sing *Send the Light* and thank God for the missionaries who have carried the Gospel throughout the world. Ask God to help all to realize their share in taking the Gospel to all men everywhere. Ask God to bless all Christian Endeavorers as they study this topic together.

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:12-22

## Chalk Talk

Discussion of Topic

Special Feature (letters, pictures, etc.)

Discussion of Missionary Projects

Prayer Period: Remember your missionaries by name

Closing Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*

Benediction

## Chalk Talk

Read Acts 1:8. On the chalkboard draw a dot to represent Jerusalem, a small circle around it to represent Judea, a circle above to represent Samaria, and a still larger circle to represent the uttermost parts of the earth. Starting with another dot to represent *you*, draw other circles around it to represent home, school, neighborhood, and world. We are to tell about Jesus, beginning *where we are* and going *into all the world*.

## To the Counselor

On the last page of the Manual for Resource and Guidance for Christian Endeavor Week are many helpful suggestions, not only for today's meeting but also to stimulate missionary interest and provide missionary activities for your group. By all means, if you haven't already done so, adopt and carry out some of these suggestions. It isn't enough for Christian youth to know what the Bible says about "going into all of the world." There must be opportunities given them to do something about it on the level in which they can share, such as:

1. Adopting a missionary-of-the-month. Set aside a section of the bulletin board for picture and thumbnail sketch.

2. Writing letters to a missionary and *praying for the missionary by name*.

3. Presenting a missionary play or a series of short one-act plays during the year. The chief value is not the enjoyment by the audience, but the effect upon the lives of those who participate.

4. Taking part in a School of Missions or World Friendship or conducting a study class of their own.

5. Reading and discussing biographies of great missionaries.

6. Adopting a definite missionary project toward which the Junior Highs give regularly.

7. Making a large missionary map of the world, showing with one color where your church is at work and with another color where it works in cooperation with other denominational groups.

8. Making missionary posters, using pictures of mission lands and pictures of missionaries.

9. Saving missionary magazines. Either file them by countries or make a missionary scrapbook for further reference.

10. Taking five minutes each Sunday night to present some interesting missionary news. This may be presented in the form of a short story, a dramatization, a dialogue, a telephone conversation, a monologue (in costume), or a continued story from week to week.

11. Visiting any home mission projects which may be near your home town.

12. Presenting a program of missionary slides from mission lands. Slides may be secured from the missionary board of your church.

# Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for January, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



## Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 26. Walking with Christ. I John 2:1-6.
- T., Dec. 27. Living in Christ. John 14:15-21.
- W., Dec. 28. Christ in the Midst. Matthew 18:19,20.
- T., Dec. 29. Alive with Christ. Galatians 2:16-21.
- F., Dec. 30. Perfect in Christ. Colossians 1:23-29.
- S., Dec. 31. Fellowship with Christ. Luke 24:13-25.
- Sun., Jan. 1. Topic—Every Day with Jesus. Philippians 3:7-14.
- M., Jan. 2. Called to Witness at Home. Mark 5:18-20.
- T., Jan. 3. A True Witness Wins Others. John 10:39-42.
- W., Jan. 4. A Christ-Like Example. Ephesians 4:25-32.
- T., Jan. 5. Lives That Please God. Ephesians 6:5-8.
- F., Jan. 6. Not Ashamed of Our Testimony. II Timothy 1:7-13.
- S., Jan. 7. An Answer for Our Hope. I Peter 3:14-17.
- Sun., Jan. 8. Topic—Shine for Jesus. Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 4:1-6; Colossians 3:12-17.
- M., Jan. 9. The Need for Missions. Isaiah 45:20-22.
- T., Jan. 10. Every Bit Counts. Matthew 10:40-42.
- W., Jan. 11. Our Everyday Mission. Matthew 25:34-46.
- T., Jan. 12. Ambassadors for Christ. II Corinthians 5:17-21.
- F., Jan. 13. Witness to All Men. Acts 22:12-15.
- S., Jan. 14. Glad Tidings in God. Isaiah 49:9-11.
- Sun., Jan. 15. Topic—Publish Glad Tidings. Jeremiah 50:2a; Isaiah 52:7-10.
- M., Jan. 16. Christ Calls. Matthew 9:9-13.
- T., Jan. 17. Faithful Service. Luke 12:42-48.
- W., Jan. 18. Share His Yoke. Matthew 11:28-30.
- T., Jan. 19. Labor for Christ Not in Vain. I Corinthians 15:58.
- F., Jan. 20. Follow the Light. John 8:12.
- S., Jan. 21. Proving Our Faith. James 2:14-26.
- Sun., Jan. 22. Topic—I Will Follow Thee. Matthew 4:18-22; Acts 9:1-6.
- M., Jan. 23. Knit Together in Love. Colossians 2:1-13.
- T., Jan. 24. Gifts That Differ. Romans 12:6-8.
- W., Jan. 25. Brought Together by Christ. Colossians 1:18-22.
- T., Jan. 26. Fields Ready to Harvest. John 4:35-38.
- F., Jan. 27. The Final Triumph. Revelation 11:15-19.
- S., Jan. 28. A Joyful Mission. Psalm 96:1-13.
- Sun., Jan. 29. Topic—Into All the World Together. Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:12-22. (Denominational Day — Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

## Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 26. Striving for the Prize. I Corinthians 9:24-27.
- T., Dec. 27. Hindrances to the Runner. Galatians 5:4-12.
- W., Dec. 28. Running Together. Philippians 2:12-16.
- T., Dec. 29. Starting Too Late. Luke 13:23-30.
- F., Dec. 30. Preparing for the Contest. Hebrews 12:1-3.
- S., Dec. 31. Keep on the Right Track! James 1:12-16.
- Sun., Jan. 1. Topic—On Your Mark! Get Set! Go! Philippians 3:7-15.
- M., Jan. 2. Will You Commit Yourself? Psalm 31:1-5.
- T., Jan. 3. Will You Serve Christ? Matthew 6:19-24.
- W., Jan. 4. Will You Pray? John 15:1-7.
- T., Jan. 5. Will You Be Faithful? Revelation 2:8-11.

## COMING EVEN For Your Prayer Calen

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor events and conferences scheduled held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

### DECEMBER

- 1-4—Executives' Program Council, Ohio

### FEBRUARY

- 2—80th Anniversary Rally, Williston, Portland, Maine
- 4—Anniversary Fellowship Banquet, Church, Portland, Maine

## JUNIOR CE MEETING The Quarterly for Jun

### Topics for JANUARY

- Jan. 1. Down to Business. Philippians 3:1-10.
- Jan. 8. We Learn about God. John 1:1-18.
- Jan. 15. We Worship God. Psalm 136:1-10.
- Jan. 22. We Trust God. Genesis 1:1-10.
- Jan. 29. Missions and My Church. Luke 1:1-10.

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Wadden (right), president of the Junior High at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Texas, points out goals set during the semi-annual planning conference.

Seeville United Brethren Christian Endeavor Society of Kitchener, Ontario, celebrated its 50th Anniversary November 10. Events included a reunion dinner followed by a "Let's Reminisce" program in concert form. At the Sunday morning church service Rev. Elmer Becker, D.D., president of Huntington College, and a former member of the society, brought the message.

Contributions to these churches which receive 40 copies of each issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD: Central Presbyterian, Towson, Maryland; First Congregational, Dryden, Washington; Metropolitan Community Center, Chicago, Illinois; Christ Congregational, Fort Morgan, Colorado; and Baptist, Huntington Park, California. Follow their example and take advantage of the special subscription rate of 10 copies per address for just \$13 a year.

Pennsylvania Endeavorers attend an early Sunday morning breakfast and service on the Lake Erie beach at Presque Isle State Park. A special meeting was arranged by Erie County leaders when the Pennsylvania Executive Committee met in Erie recently.

# NEWS from around the world

Delaware Branch Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently published an attractive 60th Anniversary booklet, telling the story of Christian Endeavor in the branch from 1900 through 1960. President of the union is Delores M. Boheim; Richard Windle is Intermediate president and H. Nelson Baitzel, Jr., is chairman of the 60th Anniversary Committee. Plans have been made for special programs January 28 through February 6, 1961. Events include an anniversary banquet with the president of the International Society, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, as speaker; a hymn sing; a missionary conference; a candlelight communion service; a basketball game; a Sunday evening union service; and a closing rally with Jack Wyrtzen, International Director of Word of Life Fellowship, as speaker.

A new Christian Endeavor union was formed in November when Nancy James, president of the North Carolina Union, became the bride of Bobby Adams, extension secretary of the union. Congratulations and all good wishes!



Evelyn Vossekuil of Waupun is the new president of the Wisconsin Union. A member of Trinity Reformed Church, her activities there include singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school. She is employed as a rivet inspector for the National Rivet Manufacturing Company.

Interested in materials for CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST? Four sheets of Christmas seals (50 per sheet) may be secured for \$1.00. Other items available include posters, bulletin covers, a play, and suggestions for "parties with punch." Write to Service Department, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C., for details.



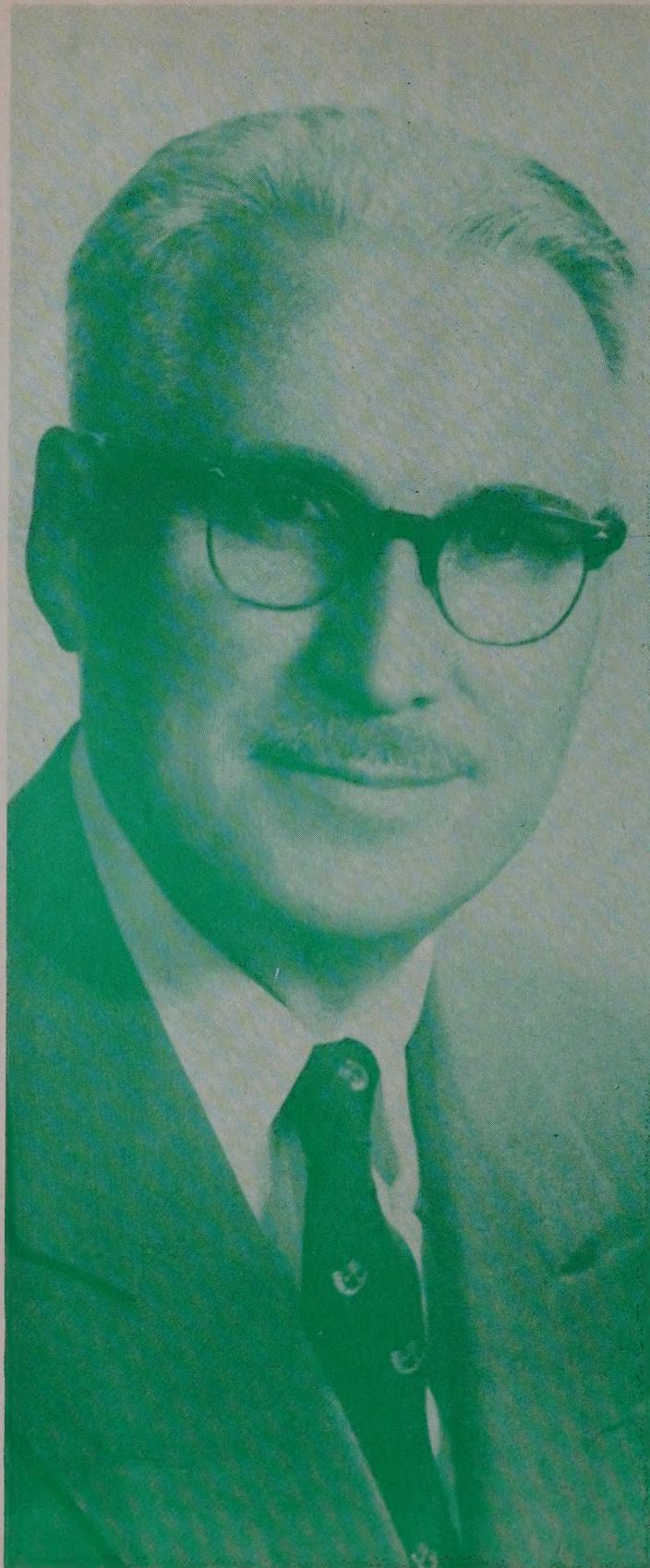
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Ontario Endeavorers are pictured (top photo) on an afternoon tour of beautiful Edwards Gardens in Toronto during the annual convention October 8-10, the Canadian Thanksgiving week end. In the bottom photo, with a Thanksgiving display, are the convention leaders: (left to right) Eileen McNeil, Promotion Committee chairman; Rev. Paul Erb, Saturday evening speaker; Clyde Sherk, who was re-elected president of Ontario Union; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Monday afternoon speaker; and Mary Biggam, Program Committee chairman.

Six one-day leadership training schools in different areas are being sponsored by the Oregon Union, under the direction of Jerry Savin, committee chairman, and the regional vice-presidents. Each school features similar studies.

Colorado Endeavorers get together for a photo during their recent conference at Camp Id-ra-ha-je near Bailey. Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of International Society, participated in the sessions. Nick Van Soest of Denver was re-elected president.





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